## **Public Notice**

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is seeking public comments concerning Montana's Water Quality Assessment Method until September 22, 2011. The DEQ uses available data to assess water quality based on established standards and reports its findings on the status of water quality in Montana's biennial Integrated Report. The method document describes how DEQ will make assessment decisions about water quality (i.e. whether surface water quality standards are being met).

Montana's Water Quality Assessment Method is posted on the DEQ web site at <a href="http://deq.mt.gov/wqinfo">http://deq.mt.gov/wqinfo</a> and copies are available at Montana Department of Environmental Quality in Helena. Comments will be accepted until 5 p.m., September 22, 2011 and may be submitted electronically at: <a href="http://comment.cwaic.mt.gov/">http://comment.cwaic.mt.gov/</a> by clicking on the link that is associated with the methodology that you wish comment on, or they may be mailed to Mindy McCarthy, Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901. For more information, contact Mindy McCarthy at (406)444-6754 or by e-mail at <a href="mmccarthy3@mt.gov">mmccarthy3@mt.gov</a>.